BLAKENALL HEATH (?1868-....)

Parish History

In ?1868/1873 the parish of **BLAKENALL HEATH** was formed from part of **BLOXWICH.**

Description of Church (Christ Church)

The church, in Blakenall Lane, was built in 1865-72 (largely at the expense of XXXXX) to designs by Thomas *Naden of Birmingham* and consecrated in DATE.

Description of Church (St Aidan)

The church, in Hawbush Road, Forest Estate, was built by 1964.

Description of Church (St Catherine & St Chad)

The church, in Edison Road, Beechdale Estate, was built by 1962 (as the Roman Catholic church of St Catherine), [From 1970 it was also used shared by the congregation of St Chad]. It was refurbished in 1995 to make it more suitable for a joint congregation]

Missions

The mission church of St John, in Leamore, was built by 1883 and rebuilt in 1931. It was demolished in 1967. **see separate entry**

The mission church of St Mary, in Coalpool, was built by 1892. It was closed in 1965 and demolished in 1970.

The mission church of St Chad, in Beechdale, was built by 1958.

Type of incumbent

Vicar
Team Vicar 1968-....

Patrons

Vicar of Bloxwich

Parish Registers

The original registers for the period 1871-1938 (Bapts) & 1873-1959 (Mar). There is no burial ground.

Bells

Principal Clergy

►**John Pritchard c1853-....** **1880-1908**
(at Lichfield Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1877
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Bridgtown in Cannock, Staffs) 1877-9
(ordained priest by Bishop Abraham *pro* Lichfield) 1880
(Vicar, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1880-1908
(license to officiate in the diocese of Liverpool) 1917-....
(in retirement of Southport)

Herbert Alfred Tamplin (Rector of Hanley St John, Staffs) 1873-?1938 **1908-1919**
b cAug 1873 Maldon RD, Essex
d ?1938
(at Lichfield Theological College) 1894
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1896
(Stipendiary Curate, Bloxwich, Staffs) 1896-1900
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1897
(Stipendiary Curate, Sculcoates St Paul, Hull) 1900-2
(Stipendiary Curate, Darlaston St George, Staffs) 1902-8
(Perpetual Curate, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1908-19
(Rector & Vicar, Tideswell, Derbys) 1919-22
(Rector, Hanley St John, Staffs) 1922-?d
- (in office) 1937
(Rural Dean, Stoke-upon-Trent, Staffs) 1931-?d
(Prebendary, Lichfield Whittington) 1932-?d

►**Kenelm Edmund Bodington 1878-....** **1919-**
b 26 Jan 1878 "The Vicarage", Marchinton; *c 22 Feb 1878 Marchington son of Alfred Bodington (Vicar of Marchington, Staffs) 1831-1902* ***[SCD]*** *and Zipporah dau of Edward Elkington of Warwkworth, Northants*
(at Trinity College, Dublin)
(B.A., Respondent) 1899
(at St Aidan's Theological College) 1900
(ordained deacon by Manchester *pro* Chester) 1901
(Stipendiary Curate, Wallasey, Cheshire) 1901-5
(ordained priest by Chester) 1902
(M.A.) 1904
(Stipendiary Curate, Stafford St Mary) 1905-6
(Stipendiary Curate, Edgmond, Salop) 1906-8
(Stipendiary Curate, Rushall, Staffs) 1908-11
(Vicar, Marston-cum-Whitgreave, Staffs) 1911-9
- (appointed) 15 Jun 1911
(Vicar, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1919-
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►**Reginald William Wardle 1892-....** **1926-p1947**
b cAug 1892 Spilsby RD, Lincs
(at Kelham Theological College)

(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1917
(Stipendiary Curate, West Bromwich -----, Staffs) 1917-9
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1918
(Stipendiary Curate, Wolstanton, Staffs) 1919-25
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Tunstall St Chad, Staffs) 1925-6
(Vicar, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1926-p1947

►Derek Arthur Smith 1938-.... **1976-1986**
b 1938
(at Chichester Theological College) 1963
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1966
(Stipendiary Curate, Cheadle, Cheshire) 1966-70
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1967
(Stipendiary Curate, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1970-2
(Vicar, Knutton, Staffs) 1972-6
(Priest-in-charge, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1976-7
(Team Rector, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1977-86
(Rector, Lichfield St Mary-cum-St Michael, Staffs) 1986-96
(Priest-in-charge, Wall, Staffs) 1990-96
(Rector, Lichfield St Michael-cum-St Mary-cum-Wall, Staffs) 1996-8
(Vicar, West Bromwich St Andrew-cum-Christ Church) 1998-....

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►David Peter Lingwood 1951-.... **1986-1996**
b 1951
(at London University)
(B.Ed.) 1973
(at Sarum & Wells Theological College) 1975
(ordained deacon) 1978
(Stipendiary Curate, Ashford St Hilda) 1978-81
(ordained priest) 1979
(at Southampton University)
(B.Th.) 1980
(Stipendiary Curate, Astwood Bank-cum-Crabbs Cross) 1981
(Team Vicar, Redditch The Ridge) 1981-6
(Team Rector, Blakenhall Heath, Staffs) 1986-96
(Vicar, Rushall, Staffs) 1996-....

Assistant Clergy

►William Sweet Escott LATER Sweet-Escott 1841-1913 **1871**
b 14 Sep 1841
m 8 Feb 1866 Louisa Dunn dau of Robert Bond
d 13 Mar 1913
(educated at Foyle College, Londonderry)
(M.A., Trinity College, Dublin)
(Stipendiary Curate, Bushbury, Staffs)
- (in office) 1870 [CLERGY LIST]
(Stipendiary Curate, Blakenall Heath, Staffs)
- (aged 29, b Great ?Rissington, Glos, of Blaknall, Curate of Blaknall) 1871 C
(Rector, Brompton Ralph, Soms) 1884-9
(Rector, Penarth, ?Glams) 1889-98
(J.P.)
(inherited Hartrow Manor, Soms from his first cousin Anna Sweet-Escott)
chn: Robert Bond Sweet-Escott b 1866; d *in infancy*
William Sydney Rice Sweet-Escott

Ralph Bond Sweet-Escott b 11 Jan 1869
Louisa Dunn Sweet-Escott
George Sweet-Escott b c1871; d *in infancy*
Aldred Bickham Sweet-Escott
Mary Salome Hay Sweet-Escott b 5 Dec 1874
Margaret Hay Sweet-Escott
Cecil Londsford Sweet-Escott
Edward Rice Sweet-Escott b 27 Jul 1879 Brompton Ralph
Editha Lucy Sweet-Escott b 17 Oct 1880
Florence Emily Sweet-Escott b 25 Jan 1882
Horace Hay Sweet-Escott b 24 Sep 1883
Thomas Rice Sweet-Escott
Anna Isabella Sweet-Escott b 19 Jul 1887
Talbot Sweet-Escott b 17 Nov 1888
Hay Sweet-Escott b 1889; d *in infancy*

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►Alfred Wardroper c1848-c1938 **1879-1881**
b c1848 *youngest son of Edward Wardroper (Lieut.-Colonel, 37th Madras Native Grenadiers)*
m 5 Jan 1871 Sarah Laura Vincent only dau of T. Francis of Mendlesham, Suffolk
(educated at Wellington College)
(educated at Worcester Training Ship)
(admitted pensioner at Corpus Christi, Cambridge) 4 Oct 1866 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1866
(B.A.) 1872
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1879
(Stipendiary Curate, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1879-81
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1880
(Stipendiary Curate, West Coker, Soms) 1881-3
(Stipendiary Curate, Islington Holy Trinity, London) 1883-4
(Vicar, Islington All Saints, London) 1884-1913
(Vicar, Shalfleet, Isle of Wight) 1913-29
(in retirement of Ryde, Isle of Wight)
(disappears from Crockford) 1938

►James Wardle Alston 1849-1912 **1882-1884**
b 18 Sep 1849 Spilsby RD
d 27 Feb 1912; i Endon; M.I. [below]
(at Lichfield Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1882
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1884
(Stipendiary Curate, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1882-4
(Stipendiary Curate, Edensor, Staffs) 1884-6
(Stipendiary Curate, Swynnerton, Staffs) 1886-91
(Stipendiary Curate, Horninglow, Staffs) 1891-2
(Stipendiary Curate, Stoke-upon-Trent -----, Staffs) 1892-3
(Stipendiary Curate, Cobridge, Staffs) 1893-5
(Vicar, Cobridge, Staffs) 1895-....

(Endon) James Wardle Alston, Priest, Vicar of Cobridge, 19 Sep 1849 - 27 Feb 1912

►William George Richard Blaby c1861-.... **1885-1888**
(at Lichfield Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1885
(Stipendiary Curate, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1885-8
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1886
(Stipendiary Curate, Derby St Paul) 1888-90
(Stipendiary Curate, Kemberton-cum-Sutton Maddock, Salop) 1890-3
(Rector, Kemberton-cum-Sutton Maddock, Salop) 1893-

►William Round c1863-.... **1887-1889**
(at Lichfield Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1887
(Stipendiary Curate, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1887-9
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1888
(Stipendiary Curate, Belper, Derbys) 189-5
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Stonebroom in Shirland, Derbys) 1895-1902
(Vicar, New Radford, Notts) 1902-....

►Thomas Walter Gunton 1852-1916 **1894-1897**
b cFeb 1852 Whitechapel RD, Middx
d *aged 64* 14 Jan 1916; i Kennardington; M.I. [below]
(at St Aidan's Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1883
(Stipendiary Curate, Walsall Wood, Staffs) 1883-8
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1884
(Stipendiary Curate, Bradley St Martin, Staffs) 1888-92
(Stipendiary Curate, Sedgley, Staffs) 1894-7
(Stipendiary Curate, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1894-7
(Vicar, Highley, Salop) 1897-1901
(Rector, Kennardington, Kent) 1901-d

(Kennardington) Thomas Walter Gunton. Rector of this parish for nearly 15 years. Died 14 January 1916 aged 64.

►Frederick William Atkins c1870-.... **1897**
(at Birmingham Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Liverpool) 1894
(Stipendiary Curate, Hindley St Peter, Lancs) 1894-7
(ordained priest by Liverpool) 1895
(Stipendiary Curate, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1897

►James Benjamin Baynard c1848-.... **1904-1908**
(ordained deacon by Worcester) 1872
(Stipendiary Curate, Birmingham St Paul) 1872-5
(ordained priest by Worecster) 1873
(Stipendiary Curate, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1904-8

►Jesse Howse 1890-.... **1913-1915**
b 1890
(at Kelham Theological College) 1906
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1913
(Stipendiary Curate, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1913-5
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1915
(Temporary Chaplain to the Forces) 1915-7
(Stipendiary Curate, Stoke-upon-Trent -----, Staffs) 1917-20
(Vicar, Handford, Staffs) Feb 1920-Mar 1926
- (in office) Feb 1920-Mar 1926 [INTERNET]
(Perpetual Curate, Porthill, Staffs) 1926-37
(Vicar, Fenton, Staffs) 1937-43
(Vicar, Tunstall Christ Church, Staffs) 1943-53
(Prebendary, Lichfield Colwich) 1943-71
(Diocesan Inspector of Schools, Lichfield) 1943-57
(Proctor in Convocation, Lichfield) 1945-50
(Rural Dean, Stoke-upon-Trent, Staffs) 1952-9
(Vicar, Sneyd, Staffs) 1953-60
(Perpetual Curate, Burslem St Werburgh, Staffs) 1956-60
(Vicar, Warslow-cum-Elkstone, Staffs) 1960-70

(Rural Dean, Alstonfield, Staffs) 1963-70
(Prebendary Emeritus, Lichfield) 1971-....
(in retirement of "Church Croft", Shillingstone, Blandford Forum, Dorset)

►Richard Nicholls c1909-.... **1937-1941**
(at Keble College, Oxford)
(B.A.) 1930
(at Ely Theological College) 1931
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1932
(Stipendiary Curate, Leek All Saints, Staffs) 1932-7
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1934
(M.A.) 1935
(Stipendiary Curate, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1937-41
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Marchington-cum-Marchington Woodlands, Staffs) 1941-6
(Vicar, Foxt-cum-Whiston, Staffs) 1946-....

►Alfred George Clough c1917-.... **1945-1946**
(at Lichfield Theological College) 1938
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1941
(Stipendiary Curate, Trent Vale) 1941-3
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1942
(Stipendiary Curate, Walsall Wood, Staffs) 1943-5
(Stipendiary Curate, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1945-6
(Vicar, Cotes Heath, Staffs) 1946-

►Derek Arthur Smith 1938-.... **1970-1972**
(Stipendiary Curate, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1970-2
[see above]

►William Edward Ward 1948-.... **1977-1982**
(Associate, King's College, London) 1971
(at Canterbury St Augustine's College) 1971
(ordained deacon by Hereford) 1972
(Stipendiary Curate, Hereford St Martin) 1972-7
(ordained priest by Hereford) 1973
(Stipendiary Curate, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1977-8
(Team Vicar, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1978-1982
(Incumbent, Astley, Clive, Grinshill & Hadnall, Salop) 1982-....